

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**In the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1–3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) A chargeable ~~battery~~ device for medical diagnostic instruments, comprising a battery having two opposite ends and an outer sheathing in which an Li-ion cell, a protective circuit and a charge/discharge module are accommodated, wherein said ~~battery~~ Li-ion-cell has a same first polarity at both said opposite ends and a terminal of a second polarity opposite to said first polarity is arranged in a lateral surface of said battery.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently amended) A chargeable ~~battery~~ device for medical diagnostic instruments, comprising a battery having two opposite ends and an outer sheathing in which an Li-ion cell, a protective circuit and a charge/discharge module are accommodated, wherein said ~~battery~~ Li-ion-cell has a same first polarity at both said opposite ends and a terminal of a second polarity opposite to said first polarity is arranged in a lateral surface of said battery and said charge/discharge module controls an external charging device.